

2026 Water and Wastewater Workshop

The Department of Environment, Conservation & Climate Change will be hosting the 2026 Water and Wastewater Workshop, March 24 to 26, at the Quality Hotel & Suites Gander. This workshop will be of interest to water and wastewater system operators, municipal administrators, and elected officials. The event will consist of technical presentations and hands-on demonstrations covering various operation and maintenance activities and treatment options relating to community water and wastewater systems. A tradeshow exhibition will be held on March 24 and 25. Workshop attendees will have an opportunity to meet with equipment suppliers to learn about their technologies and services.

The following is a list of the confirmed presentations and hands-on demonstrations being offered this year, with more to be added during final preparations:

Presentations:

- CBN Wildfire Response
- Sewer Main Root Cleaning
- Water Meter Case Study
- Chlorine Degradation
- Water Supply Drought Response
- Ensuring Electrical Continuity When Making Service Line Repairs
- Diaphragm vs Peristaltic Chemical Feed Pumps
- Groundwater Well Siting
- Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (WSER) Training Program
- Water and Wastewater SCADA System Cybersecurity

Hands-on Demonstrations:

- Trouble Shooting Corps, Curbs, and Clamps
- Pipe Lining / Pipe Patching
- Preventative Maintenance PRVs

Technical Tours

With the new Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations on the horizon, the Department of Environment, Conservation, & Climate Change invites you to participate in a guided tour of Gander's Wastewater Treatment Facility. The tour will offer valuable insight into how the facility operates, the steps involved in wastewater treatment, and the measures being implemented to align with upcoming regulatory changes.

The Town of Gander began planning for these changes in 2017 by allocating funds for the construction of a modern wastewater treatment plant designed to meet updated Canadian environmental effluent water-quality standards. Today, the facility is fully operational and features an aerated lagoon system engineered to accommodate Gander's projected population growth to 17,500 by 2040.

The facility has greatly increased the performance and capacity of Gander's wastewater treatment system, ensuring that the municipality meets Federal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations as the Town continues to grow.

To kick off our conference, we invite you to join us for this valuable learning opportunity on March 23, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Town of Gander's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

There is no registration fee for this workshop; however, participants must register by following the link [2026 Water and Wastewater Workshop Registration Form](#) and completing the Registration Form. Participants will be responsible for arranging their own transportation, meals, and accommodation.

Please revisit our website regularly for updates as more workshop details are finalized:
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/waterres/training/drinking-water-workshop/>

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs will continue with its policy of providing a subsidy to Municipalities and Local Service Districts to offset travel expenses associated with attending the workshop. For communities located on the island portion of the province, the subsidy will be up to \$600.00 per community. For communities in Labrador, the subsidy will be up to \$900.00 per community.

Following the workshop, claims for the subsidy must be directed to the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs as noted on the attached Municipal Training Financial Assistance Fund Application.

For further information regarding this workshop please contact me by phone (709-729-7363), fax (709-729-0320), or email (waterworkshop@gov.nl.ca). We look forward to seeing you at the workshop!

Regards,



Darren L. Patey, B. Tech, CET
2026 Conference Chairperson

Contact Information	
Name of Municipality:	
Municipal Address:	
Contact Person:	
Telephone Number:	Email Address:
Training Activity Information	
Name of Attendee:	Position Title (e.g. Clerk, Councilor)
Name of Activity:	Date(s) of Activity:
Location(s):	
Sponsoring Group:	
Brief Description of Activity:	
Statement of Expenses	
Reimbursements – provide copies of all receipts verified by the Clerk	
Date(s) Travelled: _____	
From: _____	To: _____
Registration or Course Fee - receipt required: = _____	
Meals (Maximum \$52.44 per day: no receipt required)	
# of Breakfasts _____	x \$9.60 = _____
# of Lunches _____	x \$16.80 = _____
# of Dinners _____	x \$26.04 = _____
Accommodations (Maximum \$130.00/night receipt is required)	
# of Nights _____	x \$130 _____ = _____
Travel	
#KM _____	x Current Basic Rate = _____
(*Current Basic Rate per kilometer is available at https://www.gov.nl.ca/exec/tbs/working-with-us/auto-reimbursement/ - should there be a discrepancy between the rate used in the application and the current rate on the above noted internet site, the current quarterly rate will be reimbursed)	
Other Costs (ie. Airfare, taxi)	
GRAND TOTAL OF APPLICATION	

This verifies that council has reviewed this application, agrees to its accuracy and authorizes its submission of reimbursed. *Applicants are not to sign off on their own application.*

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Position: _____

Send application and all supporting documents to:

Fax: (709) 729-4393

Email: specialassistancegrants@gov.nl.ca

Mail: Municipal Finance Division
Municipal and Community Affairs
4th Floor West Block, Confederation Bldg.
P.O Box 8700, St. John's, NL, A1B 4J6

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of Applications: _____

Waste Water Reimbursements \$ _____ \$600 or \$900 Labrador

MTF Reimbursement: 50% _____ 75% _____

Grand Total: _____

Processed by: _____

Date: _____